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USDA TEXAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT NAMES LOCAL MANAGER

Temple, Texas, March 4, 2002—Bryan Daniel, USDA Texas Rural Development State Director today announced that Margie Gleaton has been named to the position of Rural Development Manager. She is responsible for the Brownwood, Abilene and Fort Stockton Local Service Centers. USDA Rural Development is charged with assisting rural communities by administering programs targeted to strengthening the economy and infrastructure of rural areas.

Ms. Gleaton's new responsibilities include supervising a staff consisting of specialists, technicians and clerical employees working to provide service to 51 counties in west Texas. She will also provide credit and financial advice to rural communities and customers on the agency's guaranteed and direct loan and grant programs for Single Family Housing, Multi-family Housing, Community Facilities, Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service.

"We are very pleased to have Ms. Gleaton on board." said Daniel, Texas State Director. "She has a 27 year history with the agency and has a wealth of knowledge that will serve us well."

Ms. Gleaton's federal career started in April 1975 at Hamilton, Texas. During her career she has also worked in Comanche, Stephenville, Waco, Levelland, and most recently in Temple as the Director, Rural Utilities Service. She and her husband, John, an attorney in Comanche, are avid golfers. Ms. Gleaton has one son, Kevin, who is a Physical Therapist. Kevin and his wife, Wendy, have two boys, Elliot and Mitchell, and two girls, Madison and Chloe.

For more information about USDA Rural Development programs, call Ms. Gleaton at the Brownwood Local Service Center at (915) 643-1585, Ext. 4.

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The USDA Rural Development mission area was created in 1994 and includes the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Utilities Service. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's 53 million rural people.

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